

**Minutes of the
Utah Technology Industry Council Meeting
Held August 5, 2004 at DCED**

The meeting was called to order at 8:12 am. In attendance were:

Voting Members Present:

Stan Lockhart	- Micron - Chair
Peter Genereaux	- Exec. Resource Group
Brad Bertoch	- Wayne Brown Institute
Rod Linton	- State of Utah-DCED
Tom Bingham	- UMA
Brian Moss	- ULSA
Rich Nelson	- UITA
Curtis Brunson	- L-3 Communications
John Sutherland	- BYU
Nancy Lyon	- U of U
Michael Paul	- GenData

Other Attendees:

Mark Renda	- State of Utah-DCED
Michael Keene	- State of Utah-DCED
Jeremy Neilson	- State of Utah-DCED
Sharon Cox	- State of Utah-DCED
Dave Nicponski	- ATK (for Kevin Cummings)

Minutes of Last Meeting: The minutes of the last meeting were unanimously approved.

Selection of New UTIC Chairperson: A motion to approve Stan Lockhart as the new UTIC Chairperson was moved by Nancy Lyon, seconded by Rod Linton and unanimously approved. The selection of a Vice-Chair was deferred.

UTIC Legislative Initiatives:

Aerospace Bill

The chairman asked Mark Renda to give an update on the Aerospace Bill. Mark reported that 2 projects have been approved thus far. He also stated that changes on the draft bill include opening up the geographic and industry type restrictions, and creating a state and local government cooperative process. After some discussion, It was recommended that a limiting criteria should be established in the bill to help discourage unqualified applications.

SBIR

Nancy Lyon reported on this issue. She reported that a study done by Jane Carney of the U of U, found that Utah is doing better than it appeared, although there was room for much improvement. Nancy also stated that a study group has been organized and is looking at best practices in other States. She suggested that a workshop would be helpful. Discussion took place on the subject of which entity would be the appropriate sponsor for the workshop. Rod Linton suggested that hiring SBIR Consultants with State matching funds might be a solution. The chairman asked Nancy to spearhead this effort and prepare a presentation for the next UTC/UTIC joint meeting to which Ms. Lyon agreed.

Custom Fit Training

The Chairman mentioned that the UTC is interested in hearing about Custom Fit Training and the role of the Applied Technology Centers. He pointed out that there is a need for the business community to be educated on this subject. After some discussion, the Chairman asked Tom Bingham to take the lead on this issue and make a presentation to the UTC at the next joint meeting to which Mr. Bingham agreed.

Strategic Study

Peter Genereaux gave an update on this issue and expressed his disappointment at the lengthy delay in the fundraising effort. He went on to explain the reasons behind his decision not to take the lead in fundraising. After some discussion, it was decided that meetings should be scheduled with both gubernatorial candidates to educate them about the UTIC and the Strategic Study effort. Brian Moss was asked to take this assignment to which he agreed.

Other Matters:

The Chairman referred to the UTIC Legislative Initiatives document which was handed out earlier and asked members to review the list after they left the meeting, in preparation for discussion of the issues at the September UTIC meeting. The Chairman also asked members to begin to think about additional initiatives and bring their ideas to the next meeting for discussion.

The Chairman asked Sub-Committee Chairs to come prepared to give an update on their committees at the next UTIC meeting.

Rod Linton gave an update on the Engineering Initiative in the absence of, and at the request of John Sutherland who previously left the meeting. He stated that there will be a Legislative Hearing on the issue coming up sometime during the interim period and that the date for that meeting is not yet known but will be provided to members as soon as the information becomes available. Members were encouraged to attend the hearing to show support.

Rod Linton also gave a brief update on the Leonardo and the Science Center. He stated that they are currently involved in fund raising and that a letter of support from UTIC would aid them in this effort. The Chairman suggested that Mr. Linton proceed with drafting the letter and emailing it to the members for their review.

Rich Nelson invited the members to attend an Industry Breakfast on September 16 at which both gubernatorial candidates would be in attendance.

A motion to formally express thanks to Paul Clayson for his extraordinary work as UTIC Chair was moved by Peter Genereaux, seconded, and unanimously approved. The Chairman asked Rod Linton to draft a letter to that regard on behalf of the UTIC members.

Next Meeting Date: IT was decided that the next UTIC meeting would be held immediately prior to the joint UTC/UTIC at the State Capitol on August 19th. Notice of the time and venue for this meeting would be provided as soon as arrangements were made.

Adjournment: The meeting was then adjourned at 9:45am.